

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1095
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CONSTRUCTION OF KRISHAK BAZARS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide funds to different State Governments to construct Krishak Bazars;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of money provided to each State during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any action plan seeking an assistance for establishing model bazars in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The scheme of Macro-Management has been devised by integrating 27 on-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes and is in operation since November, 2000. The scheme provides flexibility to the States to include intervention according to their agricultural developmental priorities. Most of the States have included proposal for the development of agricultural markets including Krishak Bazars/ Apni Mandies in their Work Plans under the Scheme of Macro-Management. The State can include any component/scheme as a new initiative for development of agricultural activities. The assistance under the scheme is released in lump-sum and the States have the flexibility of re-allocation of this amount under various developmental programmes. Thus, the programme of construction of Krishak Bazars can be taken up by the State Governments under the above scheme.

(c): The details of the amount released during 2000-2001, 2001-2002, allocation for 2002-2003 and the unspent balance as on 1.4.2002 are given in Annexures-1 to IV respectively.

(d)&(e): The Orissa Government have not submitted any Action Plan seeking assistance for the establishment of Model Bazars in the State. However, the Work Plan proposal – 2002-2003, submitted by Orissa Government under the above said Macro-Management Mode, includes proposal for development of Krishak Bazars at the cost of Rs.15.50 lakhs (Central Share as Rs.14.00 lakhs).

During 2000-2001, no Central assistance was released to the State Government of Orissa because of huge unspent balances available with them. During 2001-2002, a sum of Rs.1485.00 lakhs was released to the State Government of Orissa for implementation of the Schemes under Macro- Management of agriculture scheme. Out of this amount, the Cooperation Department in Orissa Government had received Rs.92.25 lakhs for construction of agricultural markets including Krishak Bazars. Out of Rs.92.25 lakhs, an amount of Rs.56.00 lakhs have already been released by them. During 2002-2003, a sum of Rs.25.00 crores has been allocated to the Orissa Government under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme. Out of this, Rs.194.40 lakhs has been earmarked for development of agricultural markets including Krishak Bazars.